Information Services Board Geographic Information Technology Committee Update

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Description

ISB staff will update the board on the activities of the ISB Committee on Geographic Information Technology (GIT)

Committee Membership

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Current Initiatives

1. Implementing ISB/GIT Standards

On February 19th and 20th the Washington State Geographic Information Council (WAGIC) sponsored a two-day hands-on workshop for state agencies on the ISB Metadata Standard. The agenda included training on implementing the underlying national standard and training with the software tools that the agencies will be utilizing to manage their metadata. Eleven of the 13 agencies reporting 'significant geo-datasets' sent a total of 16 participants to the training class. The intent of the workshop was to assist agencies in achieving compliance with the full metadata standard by the June 30, 2004 deadline.

2. Common Web Mapping Infrastructure Demonstration Project

State agencies indicated an interest to investigate and understand more about a sharable, enterprise approach to web mapping infrastructure. This demonstration project seeks to determine if there is a sustainable business case and suitable technical model for a collaborative, cross-agency solution to meeting many agencies' web mapping and data access needs. While staff continues to explore options for identifying the hosting requirements of a six-month demonstration project, several related elements are progressing:

  ➢ Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has successfully piloted the technical capability of Image Web Services to provide simultaneous web access to multiple geo-data themes including high bandwidth datasets like satellite and aerial photo images.
  ➢ Thurston County GIS has indicated an interest in serving as the demonstration project host once they complete the upgrade of their web server infrastructure, targeted for early April 2004. Staff will explore suitability based on hosting requirements and draft an appropriate agreement.

3. GIS Grant Funding Overview

A number of state agency GIS managers recently attended a half-day workshop on grant funding for GIS supported activities. While the workshop focused on grant opportunities related to Homeland Security funding, other potential federal grant sources were identified.   The Washington Military Department is the lead state agency for Department of Homeland Security funding. Workshop presenters were hopeful that Homeland Security GIS related requests that

are tied to the Washington State Homeland Security Strategy will get full consideration in upcoming funding cycles. At the next Committee meeting staff intends to clear up confusion about how state agencies engage the Washington Military Department proposal process.

4. Strategic Plan Development

A draft strategic plan is expected to be available for review this month. Staff expects to have initial review comments from the GIS community for consideration by the Committee at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Proposed: April 20, 2004 (proposed March meeting date moved to April because of scheduling conflicts)

URL for Committee Web Site:

HTTP://ISB.WA.GOV/GIT effective 3/20/04

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